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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Places Mr. K. R. Marudeva Gowda, B.A., LL.B., Registrar, General and Revenue Secretariat on Special Duty in connection with the Birthday of His Highness the Maharaja in July 1946.

ORDER No. O. 100-110—O. E. 10-46-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 5TH JULY 1946.

Mr. K. R. Marudeva Gowda, B.A., LL.B., Registrar, General and Revenue Secretariat, is placed on Special Duty in connection with the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of Indian Guests during the Festivities connected with the Birthday of His Highness the Maharaja in July 1946.

2. Gentlemen invited to Mysore as Guests are requested to place themselves in communication with that Officer for any information or assistance they may require by way of accommodation, etc., at Mysore.

3. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, the General Manager, Mysore State Railway, the President, City Municipal Council, Mysore, the Executive Engineer, Mysore Division, the Superintendent, Mysore Power and Light and the Assistant Engineer, Headquarter Range, Mysore, are requested to render all reasonable help to the Officer on Special Duty.

V. VEDAVYASACHARYA, *Chief Secy.*

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the extension of time for sinking Irrigation Wells till the end of September 1946.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 6349-62—R. M. 37-45-152, dated 12th March 1946, sanctioning a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs towards the scheme for the grant of a subsidy for sinking Irrigation Wells in connection with Distress Relief on certain conditions.

2. Government Order No. R. 9111-6—R. M. 88-45-3, dated 28th May 1946, sanctioning an additional grant of Rs. 5 lakhs in connection with the above scheme.

3. Letter No. A-4. 3176—45, dated the 4th June 1946, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, stating that the time limit fixed in the Government Order, dated 12th March 1946, expires by the end of June 1946 and recommending in the circumstances stated that the time limit may be extended up to the end of August 1946.

ORDER NO. R. 148-61—R. M. 96-45-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 4TH JULY 1946.

Government are pleased to direct that the time limit for granting the benefit of the scheme and subsidy may be extended till the end of September 1946, and applications for the grant of subsidy may be entertained only till the end of July 1946.

J. B. MALLARADHYA, *Rev. Secy.*

EDUCATION SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the creation of the post of Director, Efficiency Audit, for Efficiency Audit and Anti-Corruption Measures in the State.

READ—

Government Order No. M. 1477-538—G. M. 33-45-1, dated the 21st August 1945, constituting a Special Committee to consider and report upon the desirability of taking further steps in the matter of putting down corruption in the public services.

Letter No. 1400—A.C. 1-45-18, dated 1st—4th March 1946, from the Secretary of the Anti-Corruption Measures Investigation Committee, forwarding the report of the Committee.

ORDER NO. 52-112—C. B. 29-46-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 4TH JULY 1946.

In response to repeated representations made in the two Houses of Legislature and elsewhere, a Committee under the Chairmanship of *Rajamantradhurina* Sir Albion Rajkumar Banerji, C.S.I., C.I.E., was constituted to examine the desirability of taking further steps for putting down corruption in the public services. The Committee have gone exhaustively

into the question and have submitted an interesting report which covers all aspects of the matters under consideration. Government desire to place on record their appreciation of the thoroughness and care with which the report has been prepared under the able direction of Sir Albion Banerji and the other members of the Committee.

The measures recommended by the Committee are of two categories—statutory and administrative. The most important recommendations under the former head are :—

(1) Making offences under Sections 161, 164 and 165, Indian Penal Code, cognizable.

(2) Shifting the burden of proving innocence on to the accused in cases in which money has passed between a public servant and a member of the public with whom he has any official relations.

(3) Amendment of the penal provisions of Sections 161, 164 and 165 of the Indian Penal Code to permit the imposition of additional fines at least equivalent to the amount obtained by means of the offences.

Among the administrative measures recommended, the most important is the creation of the post of a Special Officer for Efficiency Audit and Anti-corruption Measures for a period of five years in the first instance. This officer will have two branches working under him : one an Efficiency Audit Branch and the other an Anti-corruption Branch, each of which will be under the immediate charge of an officer of status not less than that of a Deputy Commissioner. The Committee have made certain suggestions as to the duties of the Special Officer on the side of efficiency audit as well as of anti-corruption measures. With a view to enable him to carry out these duties effectively they have proposed to invest him with the powers mentioned in Para 144 of the Report. The procedure to be adopted during investigation has also been indicated. In addition the Committee have recommended several other measures of an administrative nature the most important of which are an investigation into the pay and allowances of the subordinate ranks in the public services, formation of central and district vigilance committees and the creation of an Audit Department independent of the Executive Government to scrutinize post-war expenditure with a view to avoid leakages.

It will be evident from this resume that many of the recommendations of the Committee involve drastic changes both in law and practice which require thorough examination At the same time Government agree that it is necessary to set up immediately a separate agency which will be in charge of a system of efficiency audit and of anti-corruption measures. They are, therefore, pleased to sanction the appointment of a Special Officer, with the designation "Director, Efficiency Audit". Separate orders will issue regarding the powers and duties of the Special Officer, the staff to work under him and regarding the other recommendations made by the Anti-corruption Measures Investigation Committee.

N. S. HIRANNAYYA, *Edn. Secy.*

Issues instructions for the Prompt and Efficient distribution of Text-Books.

ORDER NO. E. 129-32—Edn. 61-46-1. DATED BANGALORE, THE 5TH JULY 1946.

The attention of Government was drawn to the serious shortage of some text-books and to the difficulties caused to the student population at a discussion of the subject in the Budget Session of the Legislative Council this year.

2. This matter was further discussed at a meeting with the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, and the Superintendent, Government Printing. It was then considered that two points arise in this connection:—

(1) Production of increased number of text-books.

(2) Proper distribution of Text-books.

As regards (2) *viz.*, distribution of text-books in a prompt and efficient manner.

As regards (2) above, it is agreed that a good deal of the alleged scarcity is due to book-sellers not dealing out their stocks quickly and at fixed rate. It is therefore considered necessary to devise some measure by which there would be an agency which would make available text-books for sale in each District Headquarter and elsewhere promptly and at correct rates. This would automatically bring out stocks that might be available with the book-sellers and to that extent would relieve the situation. The Director of Public Instruction has suggested that the District Educational Officers of Districts may be authorised to stock some of the text-books which in their opinion are in short supply at District Headquarters. He has also suggested that in the interests of economy and an experimental measure, the sales work may be entrusted to a competent hand of the office of the District Educational Officer, with a part-time allowance of Rs. 15 per mensem. The entire expenditure on this account would be covered by the 15 per cent commission that is now being given to book-sellers and the proposal does not involve any extra cost to Government.

In the circumstances, Government are pleased to accord permission for the immediate present, to the sale of text-books as proposed by the Director of Public Instruction with the allowance to the staff as suggested by him with the modification that to enable stocks to be easily available in the taluks, Assistant Inspectors of Education may also stock and have these text-books sold. This order will be in force till the end of September 1946 but will not apply to Bangalore City District and the Bangalore District where the Government Central Book Depot has itself made arrangements for retail sales of text-books. The Director is requested to issue circular instructions to the District Educational Officers to keep in close touch with the text-book supply situation in the respective areas and to keep Government informed in the matter from time to time.

The Director and the Superintendent, Government Book Depot, are requested to give widest publicity to these arrangements.

N. S. HIRANNAYYA, *Edn. Secy.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Amendment to sub-section (3) of Rule II of the Rules for election of members to the Insurance Committee by the Policy-holders of the Public Branch.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 4926—G. F. 255-44-2, dated the 21st May 1945 prescribing a procedure for the election of members to the Insurance Committee by the policy-holders of the Public Branch and sanctioning a set of rules relating thereto.

2. Correspondence ending with Un-official Note No. A. V. G. 882 dated the 11th June 1946, from the Secretary, Mysore Government Life Insurance Department, proposing for reasons furnished the following amendment to sub-section (3) of Rule II of the Rules for election of members to the Insurance Committee by the Policy-holders of the Public Branch sanctioned in the Government Order read above :—

"If the number of applicants eligible for election is equal to or less than the number of members to be elected, all such applicants shall be deemed to have been elected as members, the vacant place or places being filled up by Government on the recommendation of the President, and it shall not be necessary to hold the meeting as previously announced".

ORDER NO. FL. 43-45—G. F. 203-45-7, DATED BANGALORE, THE 2ND JULY 1946.

The proposal is approved with slight modifications. The sub-section as modified will read as under :—

"The applications from eligible persons prepared to accept office as elected members of the Insurance Committee shall be sent by Registered Post to the Head Office so as to reach it not less than ten days before the day of the meeting. Such applications shall be written in English or Kannada. If the number of applicants eligible for election is equal to or less than the number of members to be elected, all such applicants shall be deemed to have been elected as members and it shall not be necessary to hold the meeting as previously announced, the policy-holders being intimated forthwith by notice as in sub-rule (2) of the cancellation of the meeting. The vacant place or places shall then be separately filled up by Government on the recommendation of the President".

B. S. RAGHAVENDRA RAO, *Finl. Secy.*